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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Appl. No. : 09/998,855  
Applicant : Agapios Agapiou et al.  
Filed : 11/15/2001  
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Examiner : Pasterczyk, James W.

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Customer No. : 25959

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Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment  
**Commissioner for Patents**  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria VA 22313-1450

**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of April 20, 2004, please consider the following remarks, and amend the above identified application as follows:

- **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.
- **Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.